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First Forty Years

THE EDITOR

FEW PRESENT-DAY READERS will readily recognise the design that heads this page, for it is reproduced from *Toc H News Sheet* which in the early 1920's provided a connecting link between the forty widely dispersed Branches of a Toc H newly reborn. In those far off days this duplicated sheet was very much a family affair, produced as a side-line by the Registrar, W. J. MUSTERS, who "not only typed the stencils, rolled off the sheets, stapled them, packed, addressed and posted them at odd hours of the night, but edited the scraps of news that came in and filled up with his own writing". Then, in June 1922, with the appointment of Lionel Bradgate as Editor, the first printed issue of TOC H JOURNAL was launched, exactly forty years ago this month.

Two years later, in 1924, the post of Editor was taken over by BARCLAY BARON, the much-loved 'Barkis', who for the next thirty years ensured that the Journal not only purveyed news of the Family and served as an official 'gazette', but with an inspired pen provided members with a teaching organ suggesting lines of thought and ideas, which duly had their repercussions throughout the Movement.

1953 An unconventional portrait of our Royal Patron, Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II, published in a special Coronation number.

Since the Journal celebrated its thirtieth birthday in a special number dated June, 1952, a further ten years have passed and now, ten years older if not wiser, this milestone suggests the opportunity for a brief backward look at a few of the ingredients that have gone into the making of the last one-hundred-and-ten issues; for the Journal, unlike most of its book-stall contemporaries, takes its annual holiday in the month of August.

One change to be noted in passing is the disappearance of the 'Leader'. It is doubtful if a majority of readers at any time gave it very close attention, and in its stead has come an alternative feature "In and Out"—sometimes irreverently described as "the junk-shop window". Here, month by month, some five short paragraphs present widely differing items aimed at stimulating thought and, at times, inviting readers to take some positive action.

Shorter articles

Many articles, too, appear in a shorter form than in the earlier years, for nowadays it is a well-established fact that while a high proportion of our readers will readily tackle those running to roughly 600/800 words, publishing the longer article entails a risk of its reading being deferred "until I've got the time"; which may well lead to indefinite postponement.

The Journal can be counted exceedingly fortunate in receiving splendid support from many contributors especially when one considers that all articles published, including those that have been specially commissioned, are the voluntary work of their writers. Contributors of Journal articles published during the years under review who have achieved great distinction in other fields include Sir John Hunt, the mountaineer, writing on the need for helping young people to live fully in the present and in so doing to prepare themselves for tomorrow's world, and Peter D. Scott's penetrating study of juvenile delinquency viewed from the individual offender's angle. Alan Paton has written on the hopes for South Africa and, by way of

1954 At Tubby's Pancake Party. Young men from London Marks struggle to possess the tossed pancake.

1954 A party of senior boys on a visit to the House of Commons during a Toc H Schools Week.

contrast, a brilliant conversation piece providing an answer to the perpetual question 'What is Toc H?'

In "Towards Unity" the Rev. Kenneth Slack, the General Secretary of the British Council of Churches, made an effective plea for recognition of the ecumenical movement as the great movement of the Spirit of God in the twentieth century and Sir Cyril Osborne told of his experiences "Churchgoing in Moscow". Walter Raeburn, Q.C., the Recorder of West Ham, wrote on the results so far achieved in the Probation Service, while in response to a picture published in a Journal supplement came a moving commentary from the pen of Peter Abrahams, the distinguished South African novelist and poet, who started life in a Johannesburg slum.

Our own Barclay Baron, although no longer 'on the strength' has, from time to time, continued to add lustre to the Journal with his fine, descriptive writings and Tubby, the Founder Padre, has been a frequent and inspiring contributor to these pages where he has held 'squatters rights' from the very first number.

Wider world

The Journal can claim a small share in the launching of World Refugee Year, for it was in the May, 1959, number that Lady Reading outlined the plan which ultimately achieved such a notable success. With the publication of the Government's White Paper on the Albemarle Report, no time was lost in presenting readers with a concise summary under the title 'Programme for Youth", which provided valuable data for use in subsequent discussions.

Within the Family, no series of articles made greater impact than Mayne Elson's "Rediscovering Toc H" which ran for eleven issues and was later issued in booklet form, since when a second edition has been reprinted. Another series of articles, written in lighter vein but equally purposeful, by Padre John Durham under the title "Bill Gets a Clue" proved very popular and was followed

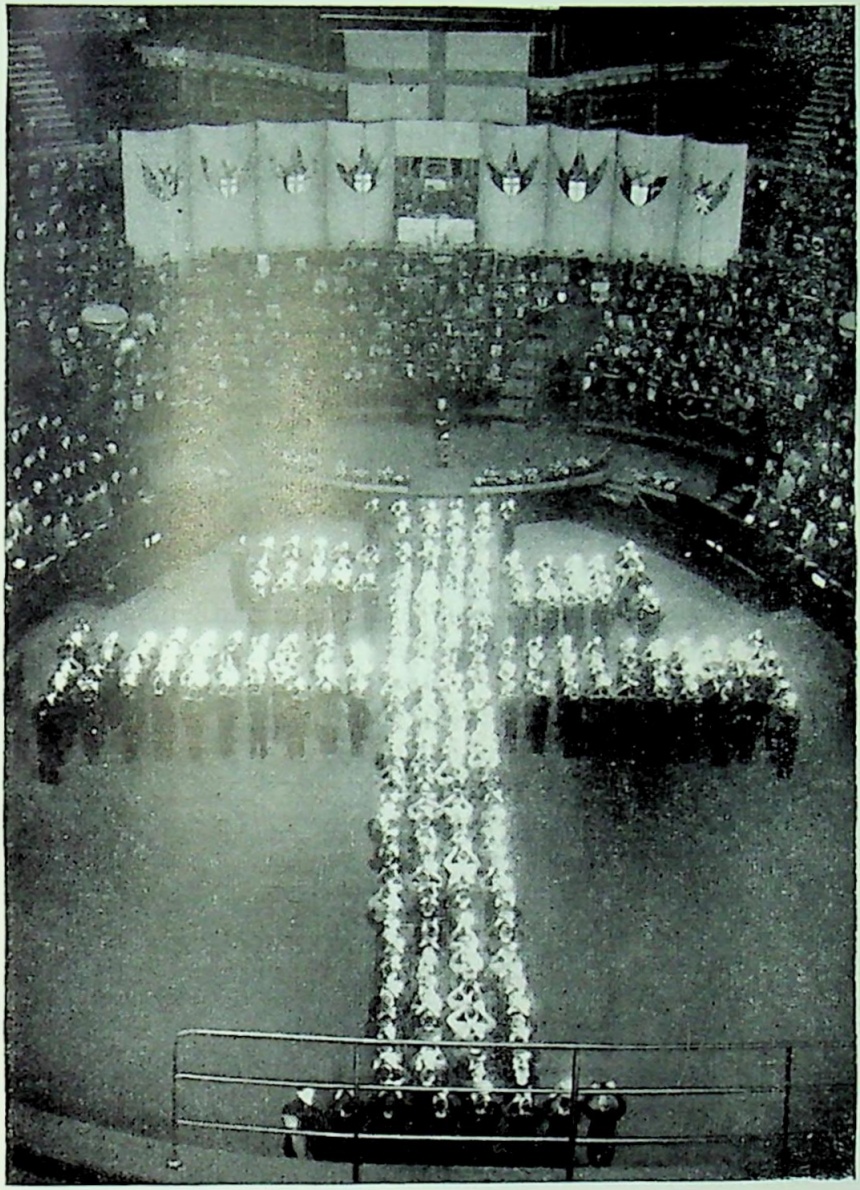
by two others in which Bill, the 'hero', told of his experiences and encounters in Toc H, sometimes in unusual circumstances. The characters portrayed became very real to some, rather like the Archer family has become to radio listeners, and one outraged reader wrote in complaining that Bill, who was a commercial traveller, spent far too much of his time in hotel bars! Three closely connected articles following each other at monthly intervals, "Lamp of Maintenance" by BARCLAY BARON, "The Vital Chain" by Padre JIM DAVIES, and "On the Lamp" by Padre LEN RIVETT, commanded widespread attention and undoubtedly helped to fill in some blanks for many readers.

'Keynotes'

By far the longest of any series of articles published was that achieved by the 'Keynotes' feature which appeared in no less than twenty-one consecutive numbers. These were, in fact, four-minute talks designed to be read aloud at Branch meetings in conjunction with the booklet "Keynotes for Keymen". There is no accurate means of telling the full strength of their impact, but it would seem certain that they were helpful to Branches in reaching decisions on which projects to adopt and how to set about the tackling of them.

By long tradition, the April issue of the JOURNAL every year includes the Annual Report of Toc H. Nowadays the report is prefaced by an article written by the ADMINISTRATOR, outlining the Movement's present position and future objectives, before passing to a detailed account of the year's workings. It is from these prefaces that the report takes its title, and regular readers will require little effort in recalling memorable passages from "Born of a Spirit", "Fire and Movement", "A Time to Plant", "A Time to Pluck" and other equally important contributions to this annual review.

The JOURNAL counts itself very fortunate indeed in the large number of contributions submitted for possible



1955 A great Patriarchal Cross, picked out by the twinkling flames of more than three hundred Lamps of Branches, at a Toc H Festival Evening in the Royal Albert Hall.

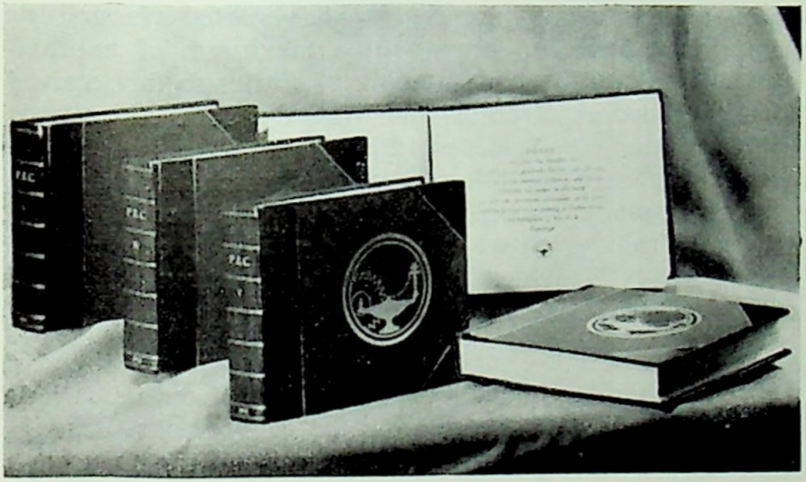
publication. The articles we are privileged to print are the work of many pens, as a glance at the contents page of any single issue will show. There is, however, room for a considerable increase in the number of letters published in the "Open Hustings" feature, and we would welcome far more letters from readers who have something to say and share—and at the same time, can say it with brevity! One obvious defect of a monthly publication is the inevitable time-lag between the distribution of one month's issue and receipt of copy in time for inclusion in the next number. All the same, we have a hunch that for every reader who does set pen to paper, there are at least ten others who fully intend writing, but never quite manage to do so.

'From All Parts'

Of all the regular monthly features, "From All Parts" is one of the most popular with readers. This is the shared work of some twenty-five correspondents, spread through the Areas, and aimed at providing an up-to-date picture of what goes on in Branches throughout Britain. Reader interest reaches its highest point when they outline a particular project, either planned or completed. On occasion, these necessarily brief accounts lead to the subsequent publication of a detailed article. To complete the picture, Toc H Overseas is also regularly presented by "Far Cry" contributed by GEOFF MARTIN, the Overseas Secretary, which month by month portrays, as a general rule, three aspects of the doings of the Family beyond our shores.

A few years ago, a kite was flown in the form of a 'Quiz' Competition in the JOURNAL to find out which regular items held the greatest interest for the largest number of readers. Many of the replies received from readers called for more Branch News, concise histories of Branches, details of the jobs they were doing and "up-to-date information" on their meeting places. This is a tall order, for with 1,000 units in Britain alone, much extra space would be needed and a 'rationing' to,

1956 Tubby's Seventieth Birthday Party. John Callf assists Tubby to robe into his new Doctor of Divinity gown and (right) the Founder Padre speaks to a crowded gathering in St. Pancras Town Hall.



1956 Members' Birthday Greetings, bound into five volumes and presented to Tubby on his seventieth birthday.

say, four per month would mean a queue stretching over some twenty years. Quite properly the events in a Branch's life are of paramount importance to its own members, but the JOURNAL'S task is to tell of those which hold the greatest interest to *all* members, everywhere.

One of our ever-present difficulties, is to secure a sufficient quantity of pictures to enliven these pages and relieve any apparent monotony of the text. Our Movement does not readily lend itself to photographic portrayal and we are largely dependent on the National and local Press for many of our best pictures. In efforts to spread the load amongst members, the JOURNAL, under the label 'Focus on Toc H', has organised several photographic competitions, inviting them to send in pictures showing any aspect of Toc H; but results on the whole have proved a little disappointing.

'Concerning Toc H'

On the other hand, another competition running currently in the JOURNAL has brought a rewarding response. 'Concerning Toc H' invites readers to submit original articles having any bearing on the Movement, their subject matter being serious or light-hearted, factual or imaginary, short or long (with a maximum of approximately 500 words). The number of entries so far received has exceeded expectations and when the Competition ends in September, all Branches are being asked to share in the by no means easy task of deciding which has been the most outstanding article reproduced. This steady flow of articles, from which we are able to print two each month, has already provided valuable reinforcement to these pages.

The production of special issues and Supplements have been outstanding features of the JOURNAL from its earliest years. One of these, celebrating the Movement's Coming-of-Age in 1936, was by far the largest and ran to no less than 108 pages. But the coming of war, and consequent increased costs of printing, put a stop to all this. It was

1957 Rededication of All Hallows: Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth the Queen Mother received by the Founder Padre before the Service.

1957 World Chain of Light: The chapel of All Saints Church, Kampala, starting place and scene of the Vigil kept by Uganda members.

1958 Tubby receives a presentation from Eamonn Andrews at the conclusion of BBC Television programme "This is Your Life".

1959 Facade of reconstructed and modernised Talbot House Seafaring Boys' Club at Queen's Way, Southampton.

not until 1951 that the JOURNAL was able to issue, on a much more modest scale, the first of its post-war Supplements, *The Christmas Story*, portraying episodes in the life of Jesus illustrated with reproductions of painting and sculpture by medieval and modern artists.

The following year saw publication of *Christmas Flowers*, an anthology of pictures and verses, while in 1953, the Coronation year, the May issue included an illustrated Supplement, *The House of Windsor and Toc H*, to be followed in December with *Everyman's Christmas*, with the Nativity pictured by African, Indian, Chinese and European artists. The work of another African artist, Livingstone Sango, was also used for the Christmas Supplement, 1954, reproducing in colour his original conception of the birth of Jesus in an African setting.

'Green Rushes'

Happy Returns, the Supplement to the December, 1955, number was a tribute to TUBBY on his seventieth birthday and in the following year *Green Rushes* offered some fascinating interpretation of the meaning of the words of this well-known folk song. This latter Supplement aroused considerable interest, bringing correspondence and requests for copies from distant parts of the world. Quite recently we told of one such request coming from Southern Rhodesia being answered with a copy sent from Massachusetts, U.S.A.

An unusual Supplement, *Human Factors in Industry*, an address given by Mr. GEORGE GOYDER to the Central Council was issued with the JOURNAL dated May, 1957, and with the December number came *Santa Claus, Alias . . .*, a Christmas conversation piece, re-telling the legend of St. Nicholas in a modern setting. In the following year, *Sing Noel*, the 1958 Christmas Supplement, maintained tradition with "a chapbook of Christmas Carols" which ranged through the years from the fifteenth century to present-day activities of the Toc H London Male Voice Choir singing on Victoria Station.

1960 Dor Knap Committee members at home to friends, benefactors, the Central Executive and local members at the informal ceremony marking the opening of Dor Knap as a Toc H Training Centre.

1960 The Lord Mayor of London, Sir Edmund Stockdale, unveils a commemorative tablet after opening the new Toc H Headquarters in the City of London.

The year 1959 proved to be the peak year for Supplements when the May JOURNAL included *Words Into Print*. This provided an opportunity for telling, in non-technical language, of the many skilled hands whose work goes to producing the JOURNAL—or many another periodical for that matter. In November of that year came a second Supplement, *Dor Knap*, which presented readers with a picture of the Cotswold farmhouse, then newly transformed into a Toc H Training and Conference Centre. The very next issue, December, included *'On Earth Below'*, in which seven writers, reinforced by outstanding pictures drawn by Ian Armour Chelu recalled Christmases between them spanning two thousand years.

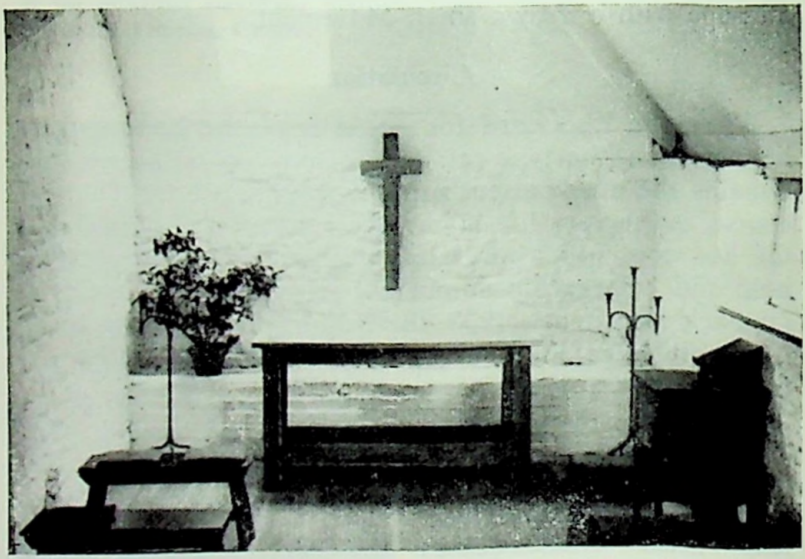
In still more recent times, rising costs of paper and printing have placed the production of a worthy Supplement beyond the JOURNAL'S resources, but it is earnestly hoped that this will prove to be only a temporary measure and that within the foreseeable future we shall again be enabled to produce further Supplements having for their purpose, the linking of the 2,000 year old Christian message with our own small Movement.

Circulation

When the last word for an issue of the JOURNAL has been written, the type set, proofed and printed, there still remains the ever-present problem of circulation. This, of course, is the very life-blood of almost all periodicals, and the JOURNAL has always been conscious of the need to hold and enlarge the number of its constant readers. As far back as August, 1930, the Editor, not without a tinge of justifiable pride, set out the following details of copies printed:

1922	July (No. 1)	2,000
1925	November	5,500
1926	November	6,500
1927	November	8,200
1928	November	10,500
1929	November	11,500
1930	Average (monthly) ...	12,700

1961 Some of the sixty-five Winant Volunteers who spent their vacation making friends with members of youth clubs in London and Bristol.



1961 The Chapel at Dor Knap, Toc H Training Centre, the starting point of the year's World Chain of Light.

Among our readers are some who have cherished the JOURNAL ever since those earlier years and are, sometimes, inclined to view the 1930's through rose-tinted spectacles, declaring that particular decade to have been the Movement's golden age. To both them and the great majority of present-day readers we are glad to report that the JOURNAL'S current circulation is well in excess of any of the figures quoted above; the monthly number of copies printed being 14,700. In maintaining the present figure we are greatly indebted to many Toc H Builders and also a large number of women readers without whose support our circulation would undoubtedly suffer. At the same time we are also most anxious to increase the number of our regular readers; but let the last word come from the Founder Padre.

Writing in the JOURNAL of January, 1930, Tubby said "The circulation of the JOURNAL is a heartbreak to us all. It reaches a third of the membership, and is read by a fraction of that third. We need to make the JOURNAL universal, and its study a matter of honourable obligation upon every member. It is our only means (until a proper staff is possible) not only of leading, but of finding new leaders and putting them in possession of facts." Over thirty years later, this support is still called for and a sizeable increase in the number of new subscribers would be of the greatest encouragement at the commencement of the JOURNAL'S next forty years of sharing "news, views and ideas" with a wide-spread Family.

TOC H SUMMER FESTIVAL

IN LONDON

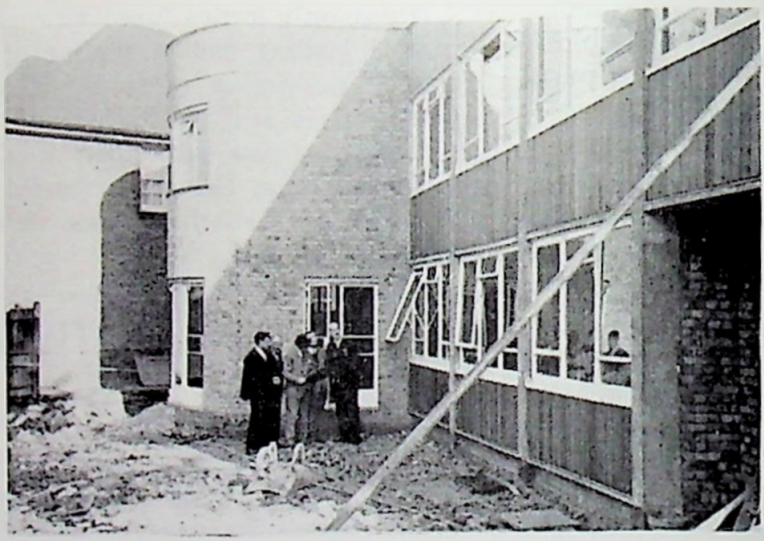
JUNE 16 - 17, 1962

N.B. Publication of the July JOURNAL *will be delayed in order to include an account of the Festival. The concluding article in the "To Publish Abroad" series will also be printed in that number.*

'Out of many into One'

FRIENDS FOR 46 YEARS...

1962 Page article in "TV Times" written by John Calff. The facing page also announced a "Sunday Break" programme featuring Toc H activities at Dor Knap.



1962 Final stages in building Prideaux House, the new Mark at Hackney, to be opened this month by Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth the Queen Mother.

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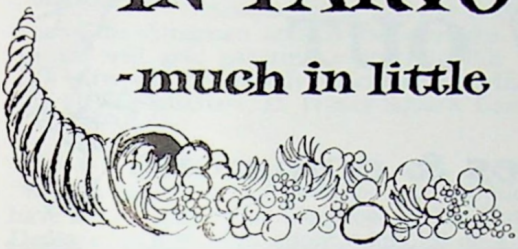

¶ THE SUMMER FESTIVAL IN LONDON ON JUNE 16 AND 17: Tickets are needed for any one of the five Festival Services at 3.30 p.m. and for the Royal Albert Hall (numbered and reserved) at 7 p.m. on Saturday, and for the Royal Festival Hall (numbered and reserved) from 1.30 to 4 p.m. on Sunday. Apply Festival Secretary at H.Q.

¶ GEORGE DAVIS has been re-elected Chairman and JACK TREFUSIS Vice-Chairman of the Central Executive for 1962–63.

¶ NORMAN CHIDLEY (Loughton Branch, Eastern London Area) and R. A. R. (BOB) LESLIE (Edinburgh Branch, Scotland) have been co-opted as members of the Central Executive.

¶ 'CHRISTIANS IN INDUSTRY': Conference at Dor Knap on July 6–8: Apply to Padre John Gingell at the London Office.

¶ CENTRAL COUNCILLORS for 1962–64: Branches should record their votes before June 25.

¶ THE CEREMONY OF LIGHT: Area Executives are being asked to state whether their Branch Members wish for any change in the wording.

¶ The LANGDALE CAMP Week: Any fit men wishing to walk and talk in the Lake District from June 23 to 30, apply to J. E. Elliot, 10 Denewell Avenue, Low Fell, Gateshead, 9, Co. Durham.

¶ BELRA GARDEN PARTY at The Holme, Bedford College, Regent's Park, London, on Saturday afternoon, July 21.

¶ WHEN ON HOLIDAY, wear and meet a Toc H badge, blazer badge or tie. If more than six (including car badges) are run across (but not over), notify the tally and place of origin to the Editor.

IN AND OUT

-notes & comment

THE FREEDOM FROM HUNGER CAMPAIGN is steadily gaining momentum and its public launching by the Duke of Edinburgh, in London on June 27, will ensure that it receives full attention throughout the length and breadth of Britain. The most important single feature of the Campaign is that the funds it is hoped to raise will be devoted entirely to clearly defined, practical projects of permanent value. At this stage the key to the success of the Campaign is in the hands of local Committees, both large and small. The civic heads of 120 towns have already offered their immediate help or promised to set up committees after the official launching. If there is already a Freedom from Hunger Campaign committee at work in your district, enquire from them how you can best help. Failing this, for further information apply direct to: F.A.O., U.K. Committee, 17 Northumberland Avenue, London, W.C.2.

Freedom from Hunger

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TOWARDS THE END of this year, Group Captain G. R. Oliver and Mrs. Oliver will be saying goodbye to 'Forty-Two' before retiring to a more 'private' sort of life in Scotland. During his fifteen years as Warden, 'G.R.' has impressed all-comers with the dexterity and unruffled coolness with which he has at all times handled every situation as it occurred. His wide, personal experience of men is the fruit of a long Service career and he has also caught and held the allegiance of a grand band of women helpers, upon whose efforts the catering service at 'Forty-Two', including the Lunch Club, depends so much. It will now be necessary to enlist the services of someone who can take over this essential work so ably fulfilled by 'G.R.', and potential applicants are invited to obtain details of the position and salary direct from: W. A. Goff, at All Hallows Office, 41 Trinity Square, London, E.C.3.

Warden of 'Forty-Two'

Gift Stall on 'The Hill'

DURING THE MONTH OF AUGUST this year, there will again be a Toc H Gift Stall operating daily from the Terrace on Tower Hill, alongside All Hallows. Miss Hutchinson, who will be in charge of the stall is appealing for saleable gifts of all kinds, especially Victorian bric-a-brac which is likely to find ready customers among the American and Overseas visitors. It is hoped that readers will give generous support to this venture, and all such gifts will be warmly welcomed by Miss Hutchinson at Toc H Headquarters, 15 Trinity Square, London, E.C.3.

Wheels to Meals

"WHAT'S THE BEST TRAINING for a competition in which you have to cook meals for 100 people? The Hutton Rudby Civil Defence team thought about it and hit on a very sound solution. They would find 100 people and cook meals for them. Then came snag number two. Where to find 100 hungry people in a small village like Hutton Rudby? They put their heads together and the result is an invitation to 100 Stockton old age pensioners to spend next Sunday in the delightful little village as the guests of Civil Defence and the local Toc H. Mr. Sandy Parker, a member of Hutton Rudby Toc H told the *Northern Echo* yesterday, 'They approached us and we got in touch with Stockton Toc H Branch' Mr. Eric Wiseman, secretary of Stockton Toc H said they had been delighted to accept the offer. The old people would travel in two Corporation buses. The parish hall at Hutton Rudby had been made available for the meal, and the old people would spend the rest of the day enjoying the fresh air. They would be treated to a tea by Toc H before returning home."

—*Northern Echo, Darlington*, 3.5.'62.

Bishop's Footballs

THE BISHOP OF MASASI, the Rt. Rev. Trevor Huddleston, is looking for footballs; lots of them. From his impoverished African diocese he writes: "I should greatly welcome footballs. It is essential that they do not leak and are in reasonably good condition to be kicked about in our many villages by barefooted boys! Quite seriously, I believe that footballs could be quite valuable as a deterrent to juvenile delinquency, and I would be very willing to deal with the distribution." Any reader or Branch able to put a hand on a new or part-worn football is invited to send it (deflated) direct to: The Rt. Rev. Trevor Huddleston, Masasi, Southern Region, Tanganyika.

Here are two further entries in the Competition 'Concerning Toc H'. For details see page 229.

'But for the Grace . . .'

JACK HARTLEY

CAN YOU IMAGINE a slum area in a fairly large city in the early thirties? Squalid old houses let off in rooms which were filled to overflowing? Drab, dirty streets which contained hungry, dispirited adults and dirty, ragged, noisy children?

I was one of those children, aged about twelve, spending most of my time in my bare feet, wearing other people's cast-offs and glad to do so. Dirty, underfed, poorly clad, neglected and unwanted; such was the existence of many of us at that time, but somehow we managed to survive despite being surrounded by the three P's—Poverty, Pawnshops and Prostitutes.

One day the boys at my school were told that Toc H had formed a Boys' Club and we were invited to attend. I had never heard of Toc H or what it stood for, nevertheless my pals and I decided to give it a try. We smartened ourselves up a bit—washing without soap and drying ourselves on our sleeves and off we went.

We were greeted by what we called 'toffs' . . . men who were very well off by our standards, but regardless of the great differences between us, we were made most welcome and very quickly we made friends. They did not preach to us or try to ram religion down our throats, and for the first time I found myself being treated like a human being —and I liked it.

Through Toc H I enjoyed two wonderful weekends at a nearby farm and there, for the first time, I was introduced to a toothbrush and pyjamas. I was accustomed to sleeping with most of my clothes on.

I spoke to my new friends about the badge they wore and they told me briefly about Toc H and what it stood

for. They made sure of minimising that 'We do good' attitude. I was mostly impressed by the spirit of friendship which seemed to flow from them all and which they seemed to pass on to others.

About a year later I started part-time work, which meant that most of my evenings and weekends with Toc H ended. Years passed, the war came and went, and I became a Police Officer. My time was then fully occupied with my home, work, family, etc., but I never forgot the friendship that Toc H offered to a scruffy street urchin.

A few months ago, some thirty years later, I received another invitation from Toc H, this time to attend a Coffee Evening given by the Goole Branch. I attended and was greeted with that same friendship which I had enjoyed years before. Needless to say, I soon made friends. With the Branch, I later visited a nearby Borstal and listened to our Padre telling the boys all about Toc H.

I then felt an urge to tell these boys about my own experience with Toc H and so, with the consent of the Padre, I later found myself in front of everyone . . . blurting out very much what I have outlined above. It was 'off the cuff' and not very well presented, but I hoped that the boys would realise that what they heard was coming from someone who, but for the Grace of God, could easily have ended up the same as them—on the wrong side of the Law.

★ Skin Deep

MAURICE COOPER

NOW take Tom, Dick and Harry, typical Branch members you might say.

Tom is a garage proprietor, shrewd, humorous and a very keen Branch member. His small car hire business is often involved for many jobs, day or night. A good Toc H man? Tom is a very staunch advocate for the retention

of the Death Penalty. Compassion or clemency shown in any case is considered by him as plain weakness. Thus he condemns individual, vital humans, men and women, to be victims to the barbaric ritual of legal murder.

Tom is equally convinced about the necessity of a 'Colour Bar'. As he would point out: "These blacks are mostly uneducated, semi-civilised and have a very different way of life. They are depriving white people of homes and jobs". So he condones the many slights, insults and often injuries that these men, women and particularly children, receive.

Dick is a retired solicitor, kind and considerate. His air of learning and gentle breeding are a special contribution to Branch meetings and he is no laggard where jobs are concerned. A good Toc H man? As an ex-public school boy he has decided, and consequently biassed, views on Education. He considers that every reluctant shilling should be doubly accounted for in our State Education Bill. So, many thousands of children must continue to be taught in disgraceful circumstances.

The problem of the H-Bomb never worries Dick, his mind was made up long ago. His sole criterion is that we must be strong in the face of an already declared enemy, about whom he has never bothered to read or try to understand. Of course H-Bomb tests are essential to this end. Dick therefore puts in jeopardy the health of unborn generations and probably condemns us all to extinction.

Harry is an electrician, large, bluff and good natured. A useful and willing man using his technical skill in many Toc H jobs from wiring loud-speaker systems to mending a neighbour's faulty switch. A good Toc H man? Mention homosexuals and his joviality disappears. "They ought to be locked away in solitary confinement permanently" he might say. And so several thousand of his fellowmen are summarily condemned.

He is also very much in favour of flogging although the pros. and cons. of this topic have never been seriously

considered by him. His is the first reaction to violence, easy, primitive, revengeful and itself violent. And so another respected opinion is weighed against a civilised, reasoned and humanitarian approach.

This particular trio exist only in my imagination but I am sure they are to be found in different guises in most Branches. On the surface Tom, Dick and Harry are good Toc H men, but the prime consideration of Toc H is with Humanity. Like everybody else they have been conditioned when examining these wider issues by their individual circumstance, upbringing and environment. Of course, there are other sides and considerations to these problems; but should not the Toc H concern for Humanity take first place if they are to be true, complete, Toc H men?

'Concerning Toc H'

All readers are invited to submit original articles for publication in the JOURNAL. As long as it has a bearing on Toc H, the subject matter can be serious or light-hearted, factual or imaginary, short or long (with a maximum of approximately 500 words).

All entries for the Competition, which should be marked 'Concerning Toc H', will be considered by an Editorial Panel, and those deemed suitable given a distinguishing mark ★ and printed. Every Branch and group is asked to spend a little time each month to consider the articles and decide which has the greatest interest for them. Their decision to be noted by a 'Scorer' appointed for the year.

At the conclusion of the Competition, the 'Scorer' will ask the other members to compare the eleven articles they have chosen and to decide by vote which they consider the most outstanding. On the basis of Branch and group votes received, the writer of the highest-placed entry will be entitled to nominate any Branch or group he chooses to receive an award of £5 5s. 0d. for the unit funds.

Elder Brethren

ADAMS.—On April 2, CECIL ROBERT ADAMS, aged 50, a member of R.H.H.I. Branch. Elected 1.1.'48.

BACKHOUSE.—Suddenly on March 1, ARTHUR WILLIAM BACKHOUSE, aged 62, a member of Sandy Branch. Elected 15.2.'55.

BARRETT.—On December 3, GEORGE HENRY BARRETT, aged 48, a member of Kennington Branch. Elected 26.1.'59.

BLACK.—Suddenly, on April 22, THOMAS NEVILLE BLACK, a member of Costessey Branch. Elected 5.10.'59.

BROWN.—On April 19, HENRY F. BROWN, aged 62, a member of Market Rasen Branch. Elected 1.1.'57.

BROWNE.—On April 3, Prebendary JESSE THOMAS TERENCE BROWNE, a member of Plymouth Branch. Elected 1.1.'21.

CURTIS.—On March 29, LEONARD WYATT CURTIS, aged 69, a member of Somerton Branch. Elected 31.1.'42.

DAVEY.—On April 9, ALFRED DAVEY ('Dave'), aged 67, a founder member of Landrake Branch. Elected 15.4.'53.

FRASER.—On April 10, WILLIAM FRASER, a member of Largs Branch. Elected 30.6.'47.

GARLICK.—On February 28, DOUGLAS ARNOLD GARLICK, aged 55, a member of Kirby Muxloe Branch. Elected 20.11.'50.

GRIMES.—On March 8, the Rev. WALTER EBENEZER GRIMES, a former member of Rochdale Branch. Elected 6.12.'43.

HILLMAN.—On April 29, JOHN HENRY HILLMAN, aged 64, a member of Welwyn Garden City Branch. Elected 17.10.'39.

JONES.—On April 8, ALBERT HENRY JONES, aged 56, a member of Aylesbury Branch. Elected 15.11.'38.

JOWITT.—On April 11, FRANK JOWITT, aged 72, a member of Whetstone & Finchley Branch. Elected 27.10.'37.

PIPER.—On April 20, HARRY GEORGE PIPER ('Peter'), the Chairman of Watford Branch. Elected 22.5.'48.

SEAGER.—Suddenly, on April 5, the Rev. EDWARD COURTNEY SEAGER, aged 63, a former assistant curate at All Hallows and a member of the Central General Members Branch. Elected 20.9.'43.

SMOUT.—On March 24, ROWLAND ARTHUR GLADSTONE SMOUT, aged 66, a member of Hurst Hill Branch. Elected 30.3.'31.

STOCK.—In March, FREDERICK WILLIAM STOCK, aged 84, a member of Chalk Branch. Elected 7.12.'53.

SWIFT.—On April 7, JAMES SWIFT, aged 77, a member of Skegness Branch. Elected 1.3.'50.

WARWICK.—On December 24, HOWARD WILSON WARWICK, aged 78, a member of Bleadon Branch. Elected 17.9.'54.

WEBB.—On April 4, CECIL CHARLES RODGER WEBB, aged 47, a member of Willesborough Branch. Elected 30.6.'48.

WRATTEN.—On April 19, AMHURST WRATTEN, aged 73, a member of Eastbourne Branch. Elected 1.11.'29.

YOUNG.—On April 13, ARTHUR HENRY BENJAMIN YOUNG, aged 61, a founder member of Stonehouse Branch. Elected 16.12.'52.

FROM ALL PARTS

-area news

SCOTLAND

The Old People's Committee of Neilston, Glasgow, sponsored a cabaret-tea, the proceeds of which went to assist the Toc H Neilston Television Fund. This fund finances the repair and general upkeep of television sets given to the Branch by local well-wishers. After reconditioning, the sets are lent to elderly home-bound folk.

Tillicoultry Branch entertained some 160 old folks to a concert followed by high tea. Gifts of food-stuffs given by local people who have good cause to know the work done by members of this Branch, were handed over to the old people with special gifts for the oldest person present, a lady of 91, and for a couple who had been married for 54 years.

Castlecary and Falkirk District Team organised an unusual meeting when, on conclusion of the ordinary District Team business, a gathering of over thirty members from the district listened to a tape-recorded talk by Eric Milton when he addressed the Ochils Training Conference in October. This extremely good talk, recorded by Alex Turner of Dunfermline, was well received and it is hoped that it will be heard by other Branches and Districts who were not at Stirling to hear Eric himself.

Stirling and Alloa Branches have long felt that something should be done on the question of extension in the town of Tullibody lying adjacent to both places. A joint meeting was held in Stirling when plans were laid towards forming a group.

Iain Fraser paid one of his frequent and always welcome visits to Scotland and addressed over seventy members and some friends at a joint meeting of Border Branches in Hawick, where the new group has recently been recommended for the grant of Branch status. The creation of a Branch of Toc H in Hawick has resulted in our having a Branch in each major town in the Borders proper.

Reg Stewart.

WEST YORKSHIRE

In these parts there is the best kind of epidemic and very few want to be vaccinated againt it. The epidemic, believe it or not, is 'Training'. It is bursting out all over. A training weekend at Bingley for members of CRAVEN District brought together about thirty chaps representing the five Branches. Three members of Guard of the Lamp and the two Area Padres were also present. The Chairman of the Bingley U.D.C. who came at 3.30 p.m. to extend a welcome and intended staying for an hour was still with us at 9.30 p.m., such was the attraction and vitality of the fellowship.

We ate as well as talked, and the Keighley men provided, cooked and served all the meals during the two days. They—the men and the meals—were first class. A dozen of the tougher chaps spent Saturday night in sleeping bags or on camp beds on the floor of the Congregational Sunday School.

A late night walk had to be cancelled because of rain. SHIPLEY Branch, renowned for their pictorial and sound production of *All Roads Lead* with the theme of Church unity, gave the first showing of their new production that deals with the Christian in Industry. This was great stuff and greatly enjoyed and commended by all.

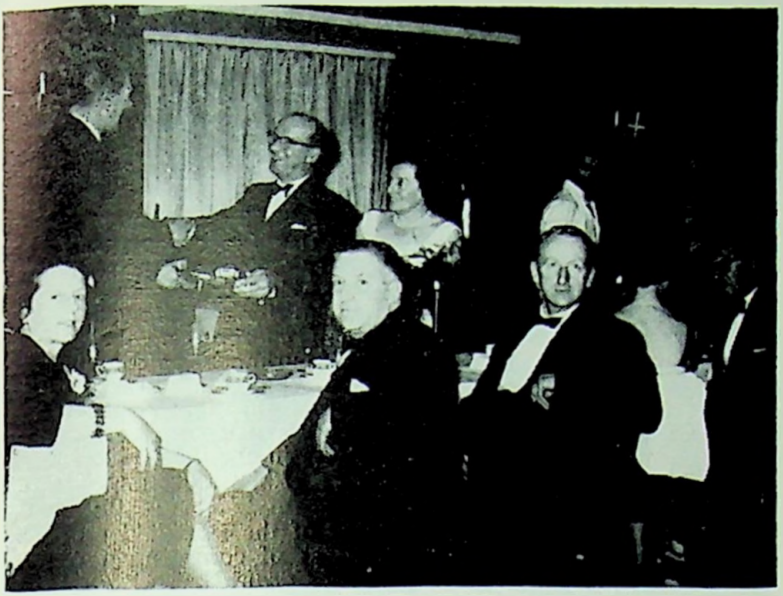
A public speaking contest was held, and although Otley bunch won, the other speakers were in fine form. A riotous song contest was won by Keighley Branch, but all the competing Branches provided good fun and deserved the acclamation they received.

Sunday began with Communion Services in the Congregational Church and the Parish Church, and later we were together for a Service of Worship and Praise led by Ron. The remainder of the morning was spent in thinking about Personal Standards. John Perkins, Chairman of Guard of the Lamp introduced the subject with his customary zest and convincing arguments for this basic need in the lives of Toc H men. The discussion was lively and fruitful and will be effective in the individual members of the Branches.

After lunch we continued to think of Standards and were privileged to be led by Padre Bob Knight of Manchester. It is a pity that space will not permit the full reporting of both these talks by John and Bob. The chaps were quick to ask questions, to seek an extension of points made, and to be willing to re-examine the reasons for being a Toc H man. RON SMITH.

Towards the end of March, East Yorkshire J.A.C. organised a Joint Training Day at Selby attended by about seventy Members—Men and Women from East and West Yorkshire. Each had been asked to study certain parts of 'Toc H under Weigh' and at the Open Forum the Group Leaders reported the findings of their Groups. Padres Len Rivett and Ron Smith were responsible for the arrangements and the event was a success in every way. Mary Martin of Scarborough proved a splendid President.

As a result of the talk to the HUDDERSFIELD District Team by the Area Guard of the Lamp on Personal and Branch Standards,



Ken Lloyd, this year's President of the Toc H (Manchester) Rugby Club, makes a presentation to Wilf and Win Lord. (See page 241)

a series of five talks were arranged for Probationers and New Members. The subjects were Origin of, and Symbolism in, Toc H, Fellowship, Service, Fairmindedness and Training. These talks, held at different Branches were well attended. MIRFIELD Branch, after its Rededication Service, had a showing of 'Sunday Night and Monday Morning' which is another effort, and a most worthy one, by Shipley Branch, showing the relationship which should obtain between Worship and Work. About fifty people were present.

The SOUTH YORKSHIRE District Team is happily refunctioning and a successful Guest-night was recently held at Kimberworth when Fred Brook (Area Chairman) was the Speaker. One Guest present was there as a direct result of reading about Toc H in the *T.V. Times*. FRED BROOK.

SUSSEX

The big talking point is the "Youth Quiz", with its Final Battle, at the Ralli Hall, Hove, on June 2. This has proved in many parts of the Area a great success, and in some, far beyond the bounds of our most optimistic hopes. The standard has been high; several outsiders have been roped in to assist, and the most encouraging results have been the requests for talks on Toc H, requests to run other events, etc., coming directly from the young people themselves. If Toc H is to be in the future, the guiding force it has been in the past, it seems to us in Sussex that this can be one of the best ways of getting it over. DEREK COLLIS.

SOUTH WESTERN

Among Branches which have sponsored the formation of Youth Clubs in their localities the efforts of ILMINSTER Branch must rank high. Starting off two years ago from scratch the Branch has encouraged the club to form itself and to develop through its own efforts into what must be almost a model club. Organised and co-ordinated by a committee of its own members the club meets four nights each week under its twenty-four years old Leader in premises decorated and cared for by club members, of whom there are now 130, plus a waiting list of approximately fifty. As well as all the usual activities the scope of the club has been widened to include archery, tennis, cricket, two mixed hockey teams and a football team, in addition to drama, judo, and good-grooming classes. A finer example of co-operation between a Branch and the young folk of its neighbourhood would be hard to find, but we should not forget that in many other places in the Area Toc H seeks to serve young folk through Youth Clubs. Members in CHARD, PURITON, SOUTH PETHERTON, ALPHINGTON, HATHERLEIGH and in many other places in the South-west, have answered faithfully and well the call to this particular form of Service.

GILBERT FRANCIS.

H. B. SARGENT, F.R.E.S., a member of the Porthleven Branch, has just completed the monumental task of compiling a *Natural History of Porthleven in the County of Cornwall*. The work comprises the recording of flowering plants, birds, butterflies, true flies, ants, bees and wasps, mammals, reptiles, amphibians, land and fresh-water snails, etc., etc., found in the port and its immediate neighbourhood, with observations and a map of the area covered by the survey. To obtain the information required and to carry out the preparatory work of recording in detail the natural life within the area covered by the survey, well over two thousand sorties were made over a ten-year period.

MERVILLE MATTHEWS.

LINCOLNSHIRE

At the Central Council weekend Tubby stressed the value of contacts with local postmen, policemen and the like. Lincolnshire has a good quota of both on its membership strength and some have played valuable parts in the building of new units.

MAREHAM LE FEN, a small village, is strong in women's organisations, with the result that the menfolk have to do a lot of baby-sitting. Door-knocking by members of Southwold District in the village produced interest but few ready offers of support for a meeting. A Toc H Film Show produced scores of womenfolk and even more children but only a handful of men. Then the local policeman came to the rescue with a valuable list of contacts and the first meeting was called with seven local men present.

Their enthusiasm called for another meeting, but on the night selected it was discovered that the Scout Hut was in use already and so the chaps were transferred to Horncastle Branch room. Though numbers are still small, the enthusiasm of those engaged in this work of extension can perhaps be judged by the fact that one Mareham man, a long-distance lorry driver, turned up in his

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Derick Parsons, Oxford & Thames Valley H.A.C., presents the Toc H Football Challenge Cup, given by Wantage Branch, to the captain of Charlton Rovers, the winning team in the boys' knock-out competition

'oil-rags' having just returned with a load from London. This has spurred Horncastle Branch on to greater action and with an eye to establishing a unit in Mareham, names of contacts would be welcome by Hugh Liversidge, 54 Boston Road, Horncastle, with due acknowledgement to the village bobby!

GEORGE LEE.

OXFORD & THAMES VALLEY

A number of Branches in this Area are connected with jobs concerned with young people. READING & CAVERSHAM, for instance, has its Attic Club (a youth club meeting weekly in the fine Toc H headquarters at Caversham Court), whilst HENLEY has been responsible for the formation of a local International Club, primarily intended for youth of all nations living in the neighbourhood. One of Henley's members also keeps open house each Friday evening for any overseas young people in the district who care to drop in.

At WANTAGE they go one better. They have formed what they now call their 'junior Toc H', open to boys and girls between the ages of ten and fifteen. This band of thirty or so youngsters help with local Toc H jobs and also run a concert party that has helped raise money for BELRA besides providing entertainment at gatherings for old folk. Wantage also has a hand in the running of a six-a-side football tournament for local youth, most of whom live on a large estate, and they have just presented a handsome trophy known as the Toc H Challenge Cup for a knock-out competition.

DERICK PARSONS.

The Citizen, Gloucester

Stroud members putting their new Branch meeting room in order. (l. to r.) V. G. Goulding, B. Sansom, H. Throup and J. Ireland.

WESTERN

The GLOUCESTER District Daffodil Sunday proved to be a successful exercise even though the cold weather had prevented the flowering to such an extent as to make the picking a difficult task. One car loaded set off for London just before lunch time and fresh daffodils were in the wards of St. Mary's and Paddington Hospitals by 4 p.m. The next stop, Crutched Friars, and there members of the Women's Association were on hand to convey bunches to selected old folk. Then on to St. Hilda's, Bethnal Green, where Wyatt Joyce was waiting to see that some of his old people also received fresh daffodils. Finally, the driver and his helpers went to Prideaux House. One other car came to Bristol and the Matron of the Walker-Dunbar Hospital wrote a very gracious letter of thanks to those who picked and took this trouble to brighten the lives of the sick and the old.

WINTERBOURNE Branch could not but be pleased by the turn out at their Get-together at the Barn when over sixty members and friends enjoyed the hospitality and a talk by Jim Brooks. The SWINDON Get-together was also a full-house, with standing room only. Peter Flay aroused some heated discussion and many members will remember this night for a long time. A group is being started at Downend, near Bristol, and there are great possibilities here for a new Branch.

Some fourteen Winant Volunteers are coming to Bristol for six weeks this summer.

A Toc H week is being arranged on the Island of Iona from September 1–8, 1962.

The GLOUCESTER Get-together brought out the largest gathering yet to the Gloucester Branch rooms. The STROUD Get-together was held in the Branch's new rooms, where members have made a wonderful job of their new home. Some members of the other Branches represented felt a little envious. The Get-together at CHIPPENHAM was, as usual, a very happy affair what with the bread and cheese, cider, orange or lemon and much laughter.

A Thanksgiving Service in Memory of 'Sawbones' was held in St. Andrews Church next door to the Area Centre, on Saturday, April 28. The address given by Mayne Elson was quite outstanding. The reading was taken by Colin Stevenson, and the Ceremony of Light led by Cyril Rowley. The Service was conducted by Bishop Denis B. Hall, at one time Branch Padre of Horfield.

JOHNNIE MACMILLAN.

SOUTHERN

SANDOWN Branch celebrated their Silver Jubilee with a Guest-night, at which the guest speaker was Cyril Cattell. A large number of friends of Toc H in Sandown were present, including several founder members of the Branch, who have now moved from the Island. During the serving of refreshments an Anniversary cake, iced in the Toc H colours, was cut. Our good wishes go to all the members for the years of service that lie ahead.

FARLINGTON Branch have collected and dispatched 200 pairs of spectacles to the "Friends of Vellore". We think that this must be a record from any one Branch. A letter from the 'Friends' now states that they will not need any further supplies for some time to come. Does anyone know of another source still requiring supplies?

ST. PETER PORT Branch, Guernsey, have been busy redecorating the premises of the Marriage Guidance Council, and have also supplied a set of book shelves for the lending library, which contains a large number of books on all aspects of married life. This having been done, the Council refurnished the office and waiting room, which now has a friendly and efficient atmosphere.

Plans are being made to re-start the Branch in SALISBURY. The names of any likely contacts will be welcomed by Leslie Tytherleigh, 131 Downton Road, Salisbury, Wilts.

Marksmen in Southampton have been busy refitting a large number of invalid chairs for the Red Cross, so that they may be loaned out to disabled folk this summer.

The cricket season started well for FAREHAM Branch with a win in their first match. Members of the MARK V team may also be found each evening busy at the nets on the Mark lawn.

At a recent Tea and Entertainment for old folk, given by MILTON & EASTNEY Branch, one old lady said that she had enjoyed the afternoon immensely, it was the first outing she had had for three years. We should take note of this, for in spite of all that is being done for the elderly these days, it would seem that there are some who are still overlooked.

FRED BROOKER.

NORTHERN

It must be the Spring: there is much activity over extension in various parts of the Area. WEARSIDE District is concentrating on forming new groups in and around Sunderland—at East Boldon, Whitburn and Cleadon. The same District focussed its efforts on MURTON for a week in recruiting blood donors with the hope of interesting people in Toc H at the same time. TYNESIDE District has set up an extension team to look at the possibilities in the District. A market-place operation is planned at CONSETT for a Saturday afternoon to tackle folk about Toc H. RICHMONDSHIRE District is casting an eye in NEWTON AYCLIFFE (near Darlington) direction with a view to a group.

The first Joint Branch in the North was recognised with the bestowal of a Lamp on MARSKE. There are fourteen in the Branch, men and women being about equal in numbers. Shift work so governs lives there that for three weeks of the month meetings are held on different days of the week. DURHAM CITY Branch has really consolidated with the initiation of five new and young members recently. A start was made last month to establish a Toc H lunch club in MIDDLESBROUGH.

NEWCASTLE Branch has established a club for mentally handicapped. This is a joint effort with the local W.A. Branch. WHITLEY BAY Branch is also forming a club for mentally handicapped children. HEXHAM Branch is using a tape-recorder for entertainment in the local hospital and also taping messages from patients to relatives. NORTH ORMESBY Branch are busy procuring and repairing TV sets for old folk; they also give help with licences.

STOCKTON Branch put on a first-rate Guest-night for the TEESIDE District during which a shield for a singing contest was awarded to BILLINGHAM group. A flashing sign device for old folk in need of help was displayed and has aroused much interest. CATTERICK VILLAGE Branch celebrated its birthday with a rededication service and, later, a well-performed play was put on by members of the Northallerton W.A. Branch. TYNESIDE District had a good muster for its rededication service in March. An Easter Fayre at GUISBOROUGH jointly run with the ladies raised over £50.

LES WHEATLEY.

NOTTS. & DERBY.

The Area Guard has been meeting key members of the Southern group of Branches in a stimulating discussion on the Improvement of Branch Standards which it is hoped will be passed on to other members of the Branches represented.

WORKSOP men and women held a joint pilgrimage to Poperinge which had a profound and moving effect on all members of the party. A Hobbies Exhibition sponsored by Rotary in Worksop from April 26 to May 2 has been the cause of much activity by the Worksop Branch; the Film Unit has been in action every day showing many films including *A Lamp Burns*, while men and women members staffed a Toc H display and acted as stewards, canteen attendants, etc. Over 5,000 people visited the Exhibition.

EDWIN NUTTALL.

EAST YORKSHIRE

Spreading Toc H

I. Through the Heart. A short time back we wrote about the commencement of a new group at HENSALL. A few days ago I went along to a classroom in the village school there, where a social evening was being held by this new and lively group. This was how I came to meet Joe Anderson, who was our cheery compere for the evening. Joe is not really a native of these parts. Indeed, his cheerful voice and pronounced accent could scarcely conceal the fact that his roots are somewhere in the region of County Durham. I learnt something more about Joe—but not from him!

Joe works as a painter at a nearby Government establishment, but he has not forgotten that for a period of five years the British Army employed him as a tonsorial artist—in other words he was a regimental barber. His services in this capacity are frequently in demand from friends in this quiet village—a goodish distance from the nearest town and hairdressing establishment.

Now Joe had not been in Toc H Hensall group long before his eager mind was looking round for an avenue of personal service. It soon became clear to him that there were many elderly pensioners in the district to whom a haircut was an expensive luxury —to be postponed as long as possible. A difficult journey by bus would also absorb a sizeable percentage of the weekly pension before the barber's shop was reached.

So now fourteen pensioners in Hensall and it's environments receive a visit from Joe, complete with clippers, once a fortnight. When they thankfully offer him a fair reward for his services, he declines with thanks and tells them 'Toc H has paid for it!' This is surely one good example of what we mean by 'spreading the Gospel without preaching it'.

II. Through the Mind. At a recent meeting of the HULL District Team, a speaker gave a detailed exposition of the *modus operandi* of the Endeavour Scheme. This is a band of young people of both sexes, drawn from various youth clubs for the purpose of being trained, each at his own expense, in Youth Leadership. The course lasts for twenty-six weeks, and covers a variety of training events, from learning rope knots to gaining knowledge of other service groups, and is under the patronage of Sir John Hunt.

The Hull District Team were invited to give an afternoon session to an Endeavour Group, telling them about Toc H, as part of their course. A Sunday afternoon was chosen, and six of the Team members, led by Padre Len Rivett, met them. The District Team chairman, Tommy Asquith, gave a splendid talk illustrated by items of local and topical interest, demonstrating to a responsive audience the tradition and deep meaning of Toc H. The film, *A Lamp Burns*, was then shown, followed by question time, helped along by afternoon tea.

Weston Mercury

Blind guests at a party given by Weston-super-Mare members

Afterwards the Team felt that they had been offered a wonderful opportunity of spreading Toc H ideas, and the opportunity had been seized with both hands and turned to good account. Members of the Endeavour Group had expressed their willingness to help with jobs of service, and personal links were forged.

There is to be a sequel. In June the Endeavour Group holds its passing-out parade in the form of an exhibition of its work during the twenty-six weeks. At this event Toc H in Hull has been asked to put on its own show or display, and members are looking forward to the challenge. BILL HARDY.

MARCHES

EDGMOND Branch continues to make its influence felt in the Division. Have plans in hand for an Old Folks' Outing. Have visited Market Drayton Branch and have been hosts to Shrewsbury Branch. MARKET DRAYTON Branch has recently formed a Film Unit, which is visiting local hospitals and Old People's Homes. The members have also recently held a house-to-house collection for BELRA. WELLINGTON Branch organises Bingo sessions for the Old People's Club. Recently members of this Branch made contact with the Young People's Fellowship in Dawley. SHREWSBURY members with their wives and friends attended the Branch's annual dinner, followed by films, with the emphasis on Road Safety. Among the guests were Mr. MacDivatt, a former Chief Constable, and Mrs. Thickpenny, a former Mayoress, both closely associated with the local work of Toc H. T. ROMANIS.

BEDS. & HERTS.

We were pleased to welcome the Founder Padre to the Area on Good Friday when he led the three-hour service at Barton-in-the-Clay. He afterwards met members and their families for a hot cross bun and a cup of tea. Later the same evening some thirty or so enjoyed Lady Ashley Cooper's kind hospitality at Hexton Manor, and we were enabled to chat further with Tubby.

At Dor Knap we welcomed Garry Fifer from Tower Hill Branch and two of our own henchmen from the Albemarle Report week-ends there to report back and stir us to get involved in some form of youth work. It was a full house for this weekend which was most encouraging, with Garry in his usual firebrand form.

LUTON Branch with their new Jobmaster, Freddie Mills, at the helm, are carrying out a large survey on housebound Multiple Sclerosis cases in the locality, with the idea of copying Barnet Branch's well established project in the North London Area.

Lastly, now the season is upon us, isn't it time someone composed a song about this Spring Jumble Sale mania?

RAY FABES.

TOC H (MANCHESTER) RUGBY CLUB

The Rugby Club have made history during the present season. For the first time in the Club's thirty-eight years existence, they have fielded six teams. In fact on occasion they have had ninety players out with a few reserves, who have managed to get games playing for the opponents. Although the results of the 1st XV leave something to be desired, the 2nd and 3rd teams have had their most successful season for several years.

Early in February the members, together with their wives and sweethearts, gave a delightful surprise to Wilf and Win Lord. They inveigled them both to the Diners Club in Manchester, which the Rugby Club had completely reserved. Here a very large body of members, one from as far afield as Hampshire, gathered for a dinner dance to celebrate the Silver Wedding of the unsuspecting happy couple.

Ken Lloyd, this year's President, presented an engraved silver cake dish on behalf of the members. Geoff Bailey, one of the young playing members also presented to Wilf a handsome pint tankard engraved with the date of this happy evening. It was a magnificent tribute to the warmth and affection in which the secretary of the Club is held. Representatives from every year since 1925 were present.

Another innovation this season was a most successful weekend in Paris, organised by Ken Lloyd. A charter plane with thirty-six aboard left Ringway on Friday evening, February 23, and returned the following Sunday with a happy but rather tired crowd of fellows. The high-light of the weekend was of course the France *v.* England match at Colomb Stadium. A grand time was had by all and the application list for a visit two years hence will soon be filled if all the tales told are to be believed.

BOB KNIGHT AND JACK SHAW.

Voluntary or Statutory?

T. E. J. R. MATHER

We are indebted to the Editor of the lively Newcastle-upon-Tyne Health Department Bulletin for permission to reproduce this article. The writer, a Welfare Officer, has worked closely with Newcastle members in the project described.

I HAVE HEARD the question posed "that in the Welfare State there is no place for the Voluntary Society or the do-gooder". I have even heard it said by professional Social Workers "I am rather sceptical about do-gooders".

Conversely, I have heard it said of professional Social Workers that they get caught up in the maelstrom of their own tenets and dogma until they cannot see the wood for the trees and in time lose the common or human touch. What do you think? Well, before you start thinking, let me tell you something.

For some time I felt there was a need for, among other things, a social club for ex-psychiatric patients on their discharge from hospital. Most of them by the very nature of their illness are extremely shy and retiring, to the point of being anti-social, which makes any attempt at rehabilitation extremely difficult, especially in the field of human relationships. The Local Health Authority were prepared to provide the material requirements, but with the best will in the world unable to supply the other half of the human relationships required.

Just over a year ago with this in mind, I approached the local branch of Toc H and appealed for their help. I explained our difficulties, pointed out so far as I could the foreseeable problems, and left them to consider the matter. Within a very short while, I was informed they

had accepted the challenge, as challenge it was, and soon after we started a social club for the ex-patients in the Training Centre, Jubilee Road on Thursday evenings, and I am happy to say is still flourishing.

They encourage the patients to take part in various games and pastimes, by playing cards, darts, billiards, table tennis, etc., having a sing-song around the piano or "just sitting having a general natter" and at the end of each session using their own cars to take as many patients as possible back home. In addition to this, by voluntary subscription they provide a treat by way of a pie and pea supper, ice cream, etc., and a Christmas Party. Nor do their interests end there, some ex-patients who have relapsed and returned to hospital are visited by them and contacts maintained. Sometimes this process has been very trying and unrewarding but they still press on regardless.

We are not perfect and all realise that the Club has a long way to go before it reaches our ideal of perfection, but in the meantime we are providing a haven for our less fortunate brethren. Our greatest reward so far has been a request from some of the patients to open on additional nights in the week, because they enjoy it so much. Also when one considers that we have run for over a year without once having to close the Club for lack of support, that in itself is something of an achievement.

Never once have Toc H let me down, before the end of each session, they make their own arrangements about who will be able to be present the following week.

When one considers they come from various walks of life, have other interests, their homes and families and like most of us after our normal day's work, would probably wish to sit by our own fireside with our feet up, this is something to be proud of.

Now after having read this, what do you think? Do you know what I think? I think I will go and buy me a hat, just for the pleasure of raising it to Toc H.

FAR CRY
-overseas notes

Contributed by GEOFF MARTIN

Thursday to Orlando

THE TITLE may not make sense, but read on. Read the extract from Padre BENTLEY EDWARDS (H.Q. Padre) written from Johannesburg. And remember that Orlando is believed to cover the largest concentration of non-whites for a given area in the whole of the African continent. There are 450,000 accommodated in a complex of districts about equal in size to the average South African town. It is a fascinating new world, industrially and commercially a part of Johannesburg, but in most other respects it could be a different country altogether, quite unbeknown even to the vast majority of Johannesburg citizens.

Alas the mistake of naming a Group after a day in the week! Our THURSDAY GROUP which featured in the February JOURNAL under this heading and complete with photograph. now meets on a Monday! The place of meeting and the time have also been changed. It used to be held in my office and was squeezed in, both physically and according to the clock, after working hours. We have now moved the day to Monday, the time to 7.30 p.m. and the place to the African Township of Orlando. This re-arrangement has obliged us to change our name to ORLANDO DONALDSON GROUP. The net result is a

more regular attendance on the part of the African and a gain in potential membership particularly from this constituency.

Further, the new venue is the African Y.M.C.A. and there are already signs that we may expect most of our gains from this association. In other words our recruits are on the right side of twenty for future building. There are many problems to be solved. Discouragement will have to be disowned many ¶ times. There will be frequent recourse to the Fourth Point of The Compass. But I believe Toc H in South Africa will here find a new vision. It seems a far cry from the Flanders of World War I to the problems of our multi-racial society in the Republic today. But it seems to me that when God put his hand on our founders over forty years ago it was for this hour and this land today.

Operation Swop

It was late last August that OSSIE JOSEPH told us at Bellville of the misfortune that befell a Coloured family at Matroosfontein, near Elsie's River on the Cape Flats. Some weeks before, a pressure stove was the cause of a fire in a shack four doors away from Mrs. Windschutt's home and rapidly spread through two others to her shack. (This happens only too often in the shanty towns on the Flats.) Her husband, semi-paralysed only had time to get their children out to safety, most of their possessions being lost in the fire. They had only one cup left between the seven of them!

With the help of their neighbours, who were also in dire straits, some sort of rough "pondokkie" was erected and a tattered and torn small bell-tent was obtained from somewhere. In these two cold and leaking shelters Mrs. Windschutt and her family had to manage. Anyone knowing anything of the cold and wet Cape winter months will appreciate what a miserable existence these poor people had to endure.

Mrs. Windschutt is the sole support of her family. She is employed as a cleaner in a large block of offices in Cape Town and it was one of the ladies in an office cleaned by Mrs. Windschutt who got in touch with Toc H, and Ossie in turn asked the Bellville Branch if we could do anything to help provide something more permanent.

Suddenly a bright idea struck one of us—"How about putting an advertisement in the *Cape Times* 'swop' column?" "What's the good of that?" somebody said, "we've nothing to swop". "Never mind that, we can swop our labour" said another, "we'll just ask people to swop their comfort and warmth and so on."

So an 'ad' was drafted on the spot and I (being on the staff of the *Cape Times* printing works) sent it to our Editorial Department with a covering note saying that I thought the unusual appeal would be of news value.

And so it was. A reporter phoned, got all the 'gen' from our chairman and a good account duly appeared in the *Cape Times* on Friday, September 8. And then—Stephen's phone started to ring every few minutes. Kay, his wife, typed out a whole pile of addresses with details of gifts to be collected. Cash and cheques were offered too.

In the meantime our Branch decided that the best method would be to make up the walls in sections, roughly eight feet by six inches by 10 feet, like a "prefab", which we did at Stephen Rigby's home in the evenings and weekends.

We made the five big roof-trusses (twenty-two feet long, there, too). It was a job to find enough long lengths of timber; in fact we had to saw some of these by hand into two narrower pieces, lengthwise.

Eventually all this was done and our kind farmer friend of Kuils River sent us his two six-wheelers again, and all the prefabricated "walls", roof timber, doors, windows and spare wood and iron were loaded up and transported to Mrs. Windschutt's ground at Matroosfontein, which was quite an undertaking because the Cape Flats bush and sand is not exactly easy to carry heavy stuff across.

A couple of field days were held over the next few weeks (it is difficult to get husbands together in one bunch together at one time) and the walls and the roof were finally erected on Saturday, December 9.

Walter Causton, Bellville Branch
(with acknowledgements to *The Compass*).

Dropping in at Botha's Hill

KEN WESTERN (Tolworth Branch) has sent us a fascinating account of a recent holiday trip to South Africa, from which the following is reproduced:

The highlight of my visit was the unexpected joy of visiting the T.B. Settlement at Botha's Hill and meeting Don McKenzie and his wife. A friend at Durban was taking us for a trip to the famous beauty spot "Valley of a Thousand Hills", we had almost reached it when I spotted the signpost 'BOTHA'S HILL'. I asked my friends if we could possibly visit the settlement. We travelled a little further along the road and then turned off in the direction of Botha's Hill. Rounding a bend we came upon the delightful sight of this settlement perched upon one of the small hills. We found our way down to the office and it was not long before we were seated and enjoying a cup of tea and listening to Don telling us the story of Botha's Hill.

I only wish it were possible for a film to be made of the work being done in this settlement, so that you can see the happy laughing faces of the little patients as they gleefully greet him with the cry "O la la, O la la".

There is an atmosphere of calm peace about the place that gets hold of one and I felt that here at least is one place in this troublesome world where work of real importance is being done.

The last building we visited was the church; this is a delightful building and one which Don is very fond of, it is semicircular inside and the large window has a magnificent view of the surrounding hills, a place of peace and quiet, a place where one could thank God for such folk as Don and Mrs. McKenzie and their band of helpers.

Don't just say brown

—say **Hovis**

That Corporate Job

HARRY DEVIS

THE ESSENTIAL AIM and object of Toc H is the Reconciliation of man to man and man to God. About this there can be no disagreement for to disagree would be to deny that "God so wonderfully made Toc H", and it would be also to fail to see the true purpose of this great Movement. Unfortunately, however, the members of Toc H are not so unanimous in their acceptance of the means by which the Aim and Object of Toc H is to be attained.

Yet in many different places, in towns, in cities, in villages, in countries in many parts of the world, in times of great enthusiasm and in times of deep discouragement, in the earliest days of the Movement and in these present days, the one certain and infallible means of furthering Reconciliation is the Corporate Job. The corporate job is the very life blood of Toc H. Without it we cannot advance to our object or achieve our aim. Wherever Toc H is needed a unit can be formed when a corporate job has been found. Is there a weak Branch, a deadly dull one, a dying or half-dead one?—find those men a corporate job, one that is too big for that Branch to tackle, one that needs new blood from outside the membership and, within three months, so speedy and drastic is this treatment, a rotten Branch will have died and a Branch that was basically good will have found a new spirit and a new hope. The truth of this cannot be denied.

Why then are we waiting? Why are we hanging back? Do we really think that in this advanced state of civilisation there are no longer any corporate jobs to be done? If this were true it would be time for Toc H to fade away, as indeed some of its Branches are doing. Memory must be accommodatingly short if we have already forgotten "Keynotes for Keymen". Who is the most important

man on the Branch executive? Not the Chairman, not the Pilot, not the Secretary, not even the Padre. Who then? The Jobmaster, the man whose innings comes after the Ceremony of Light. To keep many men busy with corporate jobs is not easy anywhere at any time. You have been chosen for this job because you are keen, energetic, conscientious, and wise. The reconciliation of men in your locality is in your hands. The life or death of your Branch depends on you. There is plenty of work to be done. Let's cut the cackle and get cracking. Toc H without a Corporate Job is like a Christian without Prayer.

Quiz Contacts

FRED PARKER

MUCH HEARTSEARCHING is being caused in Toc H by the lack in many parts of any real contact with youth. Realising that the fault is ours, in that we are too timid, or lack the necessary vision, the Sussex Area Team recently decided to seek the co-operation of all Branches in Sussex in a Youth Club Elimination Quiz Contest, the finals being held at the Sussex Area Rally on June 2. The organising of the first round is the responsibility of each Branch, who first make contact and get the active support of all Youth Club leaders in its vicinity in providing a team of four from each Club.

Local competitions are held with Toc H as hosts and the top team goes forward to the next Round which will be drawn by the District Team, by which time it will be one Branch, one team. The first drawn will be the home side. The Third round will be a further elimination until each District will go to the Finals with one Team, and the Finalists and Runners-up will be decided then.

A very fine Challenge Cup has been given by a Toc H member, to be competed for annually. The Runners-up in addition to the Finalists will each be given a prize.

Already in this first year of experiment forty-seven Youth Clubs in Sussex are being brought into close contact with Toc H. Many of these young people had never heard of Toc H! This is a big thing. We know it will grow next year. The results, we trust, will be mutual: Toc H Branches will realise more the needs of Youth Clubs and the young will also realise that Toc H is what they need in their lives.

From this small beginning in Sussex we hope will lead to Competitions with Toc H and Youth on a National scale. Any suggestions? Get your grey matter working, and let us get this wonderful thing called Toc H which we hold so closely to ourselves, spread out more and more until all are aware that to be outside Toc H is to miss something vital. Get going in your Branches, District Teams and Areas. For further information, or fresh ideas (always welcomed), please contact Fred Parker, Homeleigh, Mason Road, Seaford, Sussex.

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Wardens Confer

R. E. PETERS

THE ANNUAL CONFERENCE of Wardens of Toc H Marks was held partly at 15 Trinity Square, and partly at Prideaux House, Hackney, on April 28/29. The discussions centred round the fuller integration of the Marks with the life of Toc H. More will be said of this later as the Group Discussion Reports have yet to be studied and translated into action.

This Conference was the last that Jack Clark will organise and a Dinner in his honour was held on the Saturday evening. Tradition was thrown overboard and four ladies attended to uphold the honour of their sex—four ladies (his sister, his secretary, his financial assistant, and a senior housekeeper) who have been behind Jack in his work for many years.

On such an occasion, of course, there have to be toasts, and Michael Harris took the dual role of Chairman of the Dinner and Toast Master, both of which functions he conducted in a manner to make the evening a most enjoyable one. Tony Brown started off by proposing the health of The Ladies to which Grace Adams responded.

Pete proposed the health of the Central Houses Committee and commenced by informing the Wardens that we could not risk allowing a Warden a free hand on that toast! Because of his own newness he said he had asked H.Q. versification department for his material and the result is given at the end of this report. The toast of the C.H.C. was drunk with acclamation—the C.H.C., as one Warden said, presented a sitting target!

Gerry Hayes then proposed Jack's health, seconded by Prideaux. Gerry confined himself to the very excellent work done by Jack and his relationship with the Marks, but Prideaux told the gathering of Jack's earlier life in Toc H as a Marksman at Mark II who became Warden of Mark VII in 1922 and later Warden of the Seafaring Boys Club at Southampton, and, during the war, took charge of Toc H activities in the Orkneys. A magnificent record.

Jack replied with a very touching and able speech in which he gave due acknowledgment to work done for him by his associates. Jack ended with a message of good wishes for the work of the Marks.

A Warden's Lament

O listen to my ditty of the Central H Committee,
Who look o'er this and every other Mark.
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I ask for fuel oil firing, the answer's not inspiring,
Do I not understand we're stoney broke?
Can I not get some fellows endowed with healthy bellows
And tell the fellowship it's got to stoke?

But I don't raise it often before I make Jack soften,
He enters all the details in his book,
And tells me it's a pity that the Central H Committee
At all the problem's aspects have to look.

There are fifty thousand reasons, like costs and winter seasons,
Why Gerry and his minions throw it out,
But Jack is true and trusty, he proves the boiler's rusty
And puts the diehard C.H.C. to rout.

But now in London's City the Central H Committee
Will not have Jack to guide it on its way,
Let's pray that they won't blunder and blow the house asunder,
So that there'll dawn a yet more glorious day.

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